

HONORING MISS QUANESHIA
BAKER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2015

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a multi-talented young lady, Miss Quanesha Baker. Miss Quanesha Baker, a resident of Rolling Fork, MS, is the eldest of two, raised in a single parent home.

She is a 2015 Honors graduate of South Delta High School. Quanesha plans to attend the University of Mississippi and pursue a degree in political science with the dream of becoming an attorney. Quanesha, an all-around student, excelled in both academics and extracurricular activities. Quanesha scored a perfect score on the Algebra I and Mathematical MCT exam. She scored in the highest category on the Algebra I, Biology I, English II, and World History state exams. She held the title of Miss South Delta twice, once in middle school and the other in high school for having the highest grade point average in school.

Quanesha is a member and officer of various academic and extracurricular activities. She is the President of the class of 2015 and member of the 4H Club, Student Council, Peer Council, Jackson State University's Teen Drinking Prevention Council and the Mayor's Youth Council. Quanesha is a member of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) organization, where she competed in eight different competitions: Parliamentary Procedure, Opening and Closing Ceremony demonstration, Floriculture, Nursery Landscape, and Horticulture. Also, she was the highest scoring silver coin individual on her team while competing in Kentucky at the National FFA competition.

Miss Baker has volunteered with the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality and the Legacy Village by conducting research and informing the community of environmental safety. Other community activities Quanesha has been involved in include: landscaping the Vocational complex, mentoring 5th graders, adopting a senior citizen, directing the annual Delta Marathon, serve as tour leader during the Annual Deep Delta Beat Festival, reading to children at Ripley Blackwell head start and South Delta Elementary school and participating in a school supply giveaway.

Having achieved so much at a young age, Miss Baker strives every day to reach her goals while remembering this quote from Aristotle, which states, "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Miss Quanesha Baker for her hard work, dedication and a strong desire to achieve.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TODD C. YOUNG

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to correct the record and express my support of Mr. KING's amendment to the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

In the midst of the appropriations amendment series for this bill, I was mistaken about which amendment was being considered and accidentally voted against Mr. KING's Davis-Bacon prohibition amendment on the floor.

When these types of amendments have come up in the past, I have always voted to prohibit the Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements from applying to federally funded projects.

Last Congress, I voted in favor of Mr. KING's amendment in two different appropriations bills and in the 112th Congress, I voted in favor of eight different Davis-Bacon prohibition amendments in various appropriations and transportation bills.

The Depression-era Davis-Bacon Act is fundamentally flawed, continues to create inefficiencies and inflates the cost of our construction projects.

I want to make it clear that I am supportive of the King Amendment and it was my intention to vote "aye" both then and in the future.

RECOGNIZING STEVEN LUCYSHYN

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2015

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of a veteran and member of the Rochester community, Steven Lucyshyn.

Rochester is a vibrant city with a rich history including the members of its community who ranged from activists to philanthropists to technological pioneers, and the businesses that were the front-runners of their time in their respective fields. The contributions made by Rochesterians inspire their fellow community members on a daily basis. Steven is no exception. Born in 1919, Steven was a hard-working man who carried on the spirit of Rochester in his day-to-day life as a husband, father, and friend.

But he went well beyond that. In the midst of World War II, Steven answered the call to serve his country and joined the Armed Forces. On June 12, 1941, Steven enlisted as a Private and proudly served in the Warrant Officers branch of the U.S. Army. Steven displayed this immense bravery while fighting in the Battle of the Bulge. Serving one's country requires an immense amount of courage and valor that few of us are capable of displaying. It is without hesitation that we honor the life of Steven, his love for his family and the contributions that he made to this country and the Rochester community.

Steven was predeceased by his beloved wife of 66 years, Amelia, who together, raised two children, Michael Lucyshyn and Janice Schillaci; had two grandsons, Samuel J. (Becky) Lucyshyn and Michael J. Schillaci; and four great-grandchildren, Zoe, Dominic, Mia, and Jessica. As his family and friends mourn his passing, let this record celebrate his life and service to our country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2015

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, during the evening of Thursday, April 30 and on Friday, May 1, 2015, I took medical leave to make an appointment related to my recovery from a surgical procedure and was unable to be present for recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted:

"NO" on rollcall vote No. 183 (on agreeing to the conference report for S. Con. Res. 11),
"YES" on rollcall vote No. 184 (on agreeing to the Van Hollen Amendment to H.R. 2029),
"YES" on rollcall vote No. 185 (on agreeing to the first Mulvaney Amendment to H.R. 2029),

"YES" on rollcall vote No. 186 (on agreeing to the second Mulvaney Amendment to H.R. 2029),

"YES" on rollcall vote No. 187 (on agreeing to the Nadler Amendment to H.R. 2029),

"YES" on rollcall vote No. 188 (on agreeing to the Blumenauer Amendment to H.R. 2029),

"YES" on rollcall vote No. 189 (on agreeing to the Pocan Amendment to H.R. 2029),

"NO" on rollcall vote No. 190 (on agreeing to the Hice Amendment to H.R. 2029),

"NO" on rollcall vote No. 191 (on agreeing to the King (IA) Amendment to H.R. 2029),

"YES" on rollcall vote No. 192 (on the motion to recommit H.R. 2029, with instructions),

"NO" on rollcall vote No. 193 (on passage of H.R. 2029),

"NO" on rollcall vote No. 194 (on passage of H.J. Res. 43),

"NO" on rollcall vote No. 195 (on agreeing to the first McClintock Amendment to H.R. 2028),

"YES" on rollcall vote No. 196 (on agreeing to the Ruiz Amendment to H.R. 2028),

"NO" on rollcall vote No. 197 (on agreeing to the Griffith Amendment to H.R. 2028),

"YES" on rollcall vote No. 198 (on agreeing to the first Swalwell Amendment to H.R. 2028),

"NO" on rollcall vote No. 199 (on agreeing to the Byrne Amendment to H.R. 2028),

"NO" on rollcall vote No. 200 (on agreeing to the second McClintock Amendment to H.R. 2028),

"YES" on rollcall vote No. 201 (on agreeing to the Ellison Amendment to H.R. 2028),

"YES" on rollcall vote No. 202 (on agreeing to the second Swalwell Amendment to H.R. 2028),

"YES" on rollcall vote No. 203 (on agreeing to the Quigley Amendment to H.R. 2028),

"YES" on rollcall vote No. 204 (on agreeing to the Garamendi Amendment to H.R. 2028),

"NO" on rollcall vote No. 205 (on agreeing to the Hudson Amendment to H.R. 2028),

"NO" on rollcall vote No. 206 (on agreeing to the Sanford Amendment to H.R. 2028),

"NO" on rollcall vote No. 207 (on agreeing to the Burgess Amendment to H.R. 2028),

"NO" on rollcall vote No. 208 (on agreeing to the Rothfus Amendment to H.R. 2028),

"NO" on rollcall vote No. 209 (on agreeing to the Gosar Amendment to H.R. 2028),

"NO" on rollcall vote No. 210 (on agreeing to the Blackburn Amendment to H.R. 2028),

"NO" on rollcall vote No. 211 (on agreeing to the McClintock Amendment to H.R. 2028),